

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

October 3, 2005

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING October 2, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: October 3, 3PM - There were 5 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 9% very short, 23% short, 58% adequate, and 10% surplus.

CROPS: Dry, hot conditions were followed with much needed rain from Hurricane Rita over much of the state. Significant rice lodging and some cotton damage was reported in several counties. Harvest for field crops continued at a slower rate due to wet fields and lodging. Apple harvest continued. Rain fall should help newly planted winter wheat to get established. Cooler evening temperatures and rains helped cool season annuals emerge. Sharp county prepared for strawberry planting.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Culling cows and calves, and feeding hay reported due to dry conditions. Some cattle being sold due to shortage of pastures and hay. Rainfall too late to help much with warm season grasses. Fertilized warm season forages to encourage growth since rains. Fertilized cool season perennial forages, and planted cool season annual forages. Had problems with armyworms in some counties. A colony of Africanized bees identified in Franklin County.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Harvested	97	93	99	98					
SOYBEANS					11	20	34	29	6
Yellowing	86	76	83	68					
Shedding	73	59	68	61					
Matured	59	45	54	32					
Harvested	40	32	42	27					
SORGHUM									
Matured	99	97	100	100					
Harvested	89	82	92	92					
COTTON					2	10	26	44	18
Bolls Open	98	95	93	94					
Harvested	23	15	25	24					
RICE									
Ripe	98	92	N/A	98*					
Harvested	74	64	83	80					
WINTER WHEAT									
Planted	6	5	5	5					
HAY- OTHER					28	32	32	8	0
HAY-ALFALFA					19	56	24	1	0
PASTURE & RANGE					27	33	30	10	0

N/A-Not asked in that week of 2004. *Three year average for 2000, 2002, and 2005.

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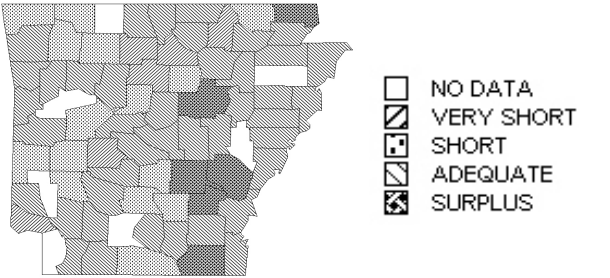
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 2, 2005. Temperatures were above normal in all areas. Precipitation reported in most areas of the state. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 95^o and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 42^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.51 inches at Marianna to 0.00 inches at several reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 2, 2005

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING OCT 2	CURR SEP ACCUM.	SEP NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2005	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	88	45	4	0.73	3.60	4.83	22.92	29.51
Harrison	87	45	3	0.17	5.49	4.03	21.05	29.08
2 Calico Rock	88	43	3	0.14	3.36	4.08	24.28	29.37
Gilbert	89	42	4	0.53	4.22	3.73	24.19	28.60
Greers Ferry	89	46	4	0.00	4.45	4.10	24.31	32.15
Mountain Home	87	46	2	0.45	5.83	4.33	34.09	28.51
3 Batesville	90	44	2	0.80	4.39	3.58	23.89	30.45
Jonesboro	90	45	3	0.45	4.92	3.12	26.24	29.90
Keiser	89	45	4	0.96	6.89	3.65	26.22	33.10
Newport	89	47	2	0.04	3.82	3.49	22.79	31.37
4 Booneville	93	48	2	0.22	7.15	4.04	22.12	30.50
Clarksville	90	49	4	0.05	5.46	3.88	29.50	29.53
Dardanelle	91	48	4	0.00	4.05	3.56	24.04	31.18
Ft. Smith	94	51	5	0.49	6.51	3.61	20.35	28.13
Mena	94	48	4	0.70	5.40	5.07	22.59	36.74
Ozark	91	50	2	0.27	3.95	3.70	34.39	28.63
5 Conway	91	49	2	0.07	2.90	3.71	28.68	30.90
Hot Springs	93	45	2	0.09	6.01	4.05	27.39	36.94
Little Rock	91	51	3	0.06	3.83	3.71	28.36	32.53
N Little Rock	91	51	2	0.06	3.83	3.53	27.33	31.58
6 Brinkley	88	48	3	0.70	6.05	3.02	28.53	33.08
Marianna	89	47	1	1.51	6.33	3.16	25.62	35.21
Stuttgart	90	47	2	0.43	7.52	2.86	26.25	32.14
7 Hope	94	49	4	0.07	6.71	4.06	20.35	34.94
Texarkana	93	52	4	0.02	4.06	3.40	20.14	29.94
8 Camden	94	49	4	0.15	5.70	3.60	25.71	34.72
El Dorado	94	50	6	0.04	3.56	3.29	22.26	36.89
Warren	89	49	3	0.07	5.96	3.71	30.76	36.68
9 Eudora	95	52	4	0.00	4.08	2.71	26.36	38.85
Pine Bluff	91	50	3	0.01	4.12	3.20	31.36	34.51
Rohwer	93	49	5	0.00	6.32	2.91	31.19	34.70